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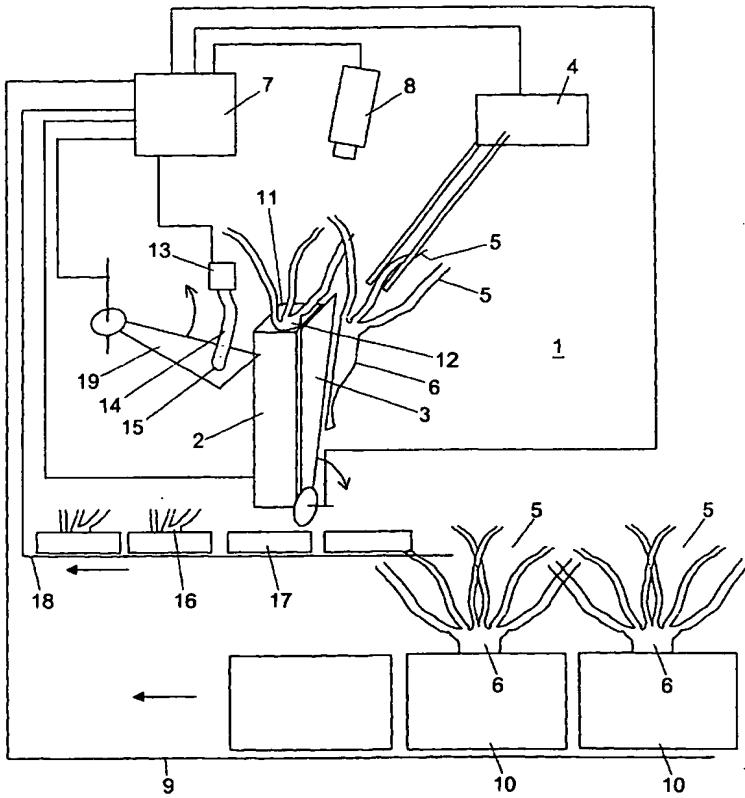
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**(54) Title: METHOD FOR SEPARATING ROSETTE PLANTS**



**(57) Abstract:** A method for separating a lump piece (6) of rosette plants. The method comprises the steps of gripping a rosette plant and positioning it parallel to a longitudinal axis of an elongated holder (2) which comprises a longitudinal opening at least along the longitudinal axis; introducing a part of the lump piece (6) of the rosette plant into the holder (2) via the mentioned longitudinal opening; cutting off the lump piece (6) along a cutting plane parallel to the longitudinal axis, while closing the longitudinal opening, such that the introduced part of the lump piece (6) is enclosed in the holder (2); and removing the enclosed cut-off part of the lump piece (6) from the holder. The method comprises the further step of cutting off a part of the rosette plant enclosed in the holder along a second cutting plane.



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